

Outline – January 9, 2022
Proverbs 3:1-20; James 1:5; James 3:14-17
The Importance Of Wisdom In A Changing World

Talent Is Never Enough

- I. The blessing of wisdom**
 - A. Given generously by God to all who ask Him for it (James 1:5)
 - B. Creates prosperity (Psalm 25:12-13)
 - C. Wisdom creates favor with God and others
 - D. Wisdom is needed in life's trials
 - 1. Get better
 - 2. Get bitter
 - E. A powerful question we must all ask
 - 1. What is the wise thing to do?
- II. The problem we often face “many have no format for making wise decisions”**
 - A. Seek wise counsel
 - 1. If you want wisdom walk with the wise
 - 2. There is wisdom in a multitude of counselors
 - B. Ask God to reveal what is blocking you from hearing truth and having wisdom
 - C. Bring our mind in accordance to His Word. What is right, responsible and real?
 - D. Patient in God's timing
 - 1. Getting us ready for His answer
 - 2. Be still and know He is God
- III. What is wisdom?**
 - A. Fear of the Lord (reverence & respect) is the beginning of wisdom
 - B. Wisdom is seeing things from God's viewpoint and responding to God's viewpoint according to His Word
 - C. Wisdom is seeking the mind of God about situations and circumstances
 - D. Wisdom is the right use of knowledge
 - E. Wisdom is not an emotion nor human intellect
 - F. The world's wisdom is foolishness because it omits God's revelation
- IV. Why life requires wisdom?**
 - A. Wisdom declares the importance of knowing your purpose
 - B. There is often a difference between your job and your purpose
 - 1. Job is what you were trained to do. Purpose is what you were born to do.
 - 2. Your job can end. Your purpose is something no one can take from you.
 - 3. Purpose creates ideas and solves problems
 - a. Poor seek money
 - b. Rich seek things
 - c. Successful seek ideas
 - d. Ideas solve problems, generates wealth
 - e. Story of Sly Stallone
 - f. Story of Steve Jobs
 - 4. Purpose is what makes you productive

- C. Wisdom helps us manage change
 - 1. Change is inevitable (Life is about change)
 - 2. Wisdom helps us decide what to do with change
 - 3. If not handled well change can be difficult
 - 4. If managed with wisdom change can create new opportunities for growth and improvement
 - a. New skills
 - b. New breakthrough
 - 5. Wisdom gives you the tools insight, to manage change
 - 6. Change comes with choices
 - a. Stubborn defiance
 - b. God's wisdom
 - D. Wisdom reminds us everything is a season
 - 1. It will pass
 - 2. We will either grow with it or be hurt by it (if not managed well)
 - E. Wisdom sees beyond today
 - 1. Where do I want to be?
 - 2. What is the pattern developing?
 - 3. What will be the outcome?
 - F. Wisdom recognizes the power of thinking eternally while impacting the present
 - 1. The wise win souls
 - 2. The wise are rich in the things of God
 - 3. The wise do not deceive self
- V. What wisdom produces in our life (10 things - Proverbs 3)**
- A. Years of life, life to years
 - B. Favor with God and others
 - C. Path that is straight
 - D. Healing for your body (as you turn from evil)
 - E. "Barns" will have plenty
 - F. Profit that money can't buy
 - G. Peace in your life
 - H. Happiness in your life
 - I. Knowledge = morality, purpose, origin, destiny
 - J. Avoiding the snares of the evil one

**Wisdom Looks Beyond What You Can See
And Brings Into Focus What God Sees For you**

Wisdom Brings Into Your Life - Success, Now And Forever